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1. SUMMARY. GOI IMPORT BAN IS AFFECTING AID PROGRAMS AND DONORS ARE RESPONDING. USAID HAS SOUGHT CLARIFICATION APPLICABILITY CAR BAN TO AID PROJECTS AND REQUESTED WAIVERS FOR CERTAIN CASES. USAID PLANS DEFER DEFINITIVE ACTIONS ON PROGRAMS IN CASES WHERE CAR IMPORTS ARE ISSUE UNTIL SATISFACTORY RESPONSE OBTAINED. END SUMMARY

2. ACTING IN CAPACITY IGGI CHAIRMAN, NETHERLANDS EMBASSY CONVENED MEETING OF AID DONORS MARCH 5 TO DISCUSS SITUATION RE AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS AS DESCRIBED REFTTEL. VIRTUALLY ALL DONORS FACING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION VEHICLES BEING IMPORTED BY THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL AND ALSO WITH PROJECT RELATED VEHICLES. WHILE VIRTUALLY ALL DONORS HAVE MADE WRITTEN OR ORAL PRESENTATIONS TO GOI SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF RULES OR RELIEF IN

SPECIFIC CASES, GOI HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY WITH WRITTEN

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RESPONSE.

3. MOST DECISIVE RESPONSE AMONG DONORS HAS BEEN JAPANESE DECISION TO HOLD UP DISPATCH ALL NEW LONG TERM EXPERTS, STOP SHIPMENT ALL PROJECT AND PERSONNEL VEHICLES, CANCEL TENDERS FOR PROJECT VEHICLES. AUSTRALIANS HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES NECESSARY TO RESOLVE PROBLEM, AND CANBERRA HAS INDICATED IF SATISFACTORY SOLUTION NOT FOUND, IT WOULD RECONSIDER WHOLE AID PROGRAM.

4. USAID DIRECTOR WROTE TRADE MINISTER ON FEB 25 POINTING OUT CONFLICT BETWEEN BANNING DECREE AND TERMS OF CONTRACTS ASSOCIATED WITH AID CAPITAL PROJECTS PROVIDING FOR VEHICLE IMPORTS FOR PROJECTS (JAGORAWI HIGHWAY) AND BY CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL. LETTER SUGGESTED THAT IF DECREE INTERPRETATION DID NOT EXEMPT THESE IMPORTS, THEN SPECIAL WAIVERS SHOULD BE ISSUED TO AVOID PROJECT DISLOCATION AND PERSONAL HARDSHIP. NO REPLY TO THIS COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

5. MISSION HAS BROUGHT TO GOI ATTENTION OUR POSITION ON STATUS USAID AS WELL AS OTHER US PERSONNEL. (SEE REFTEL). MEANWHILE, WE ARE ASSESSING POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF VEHICLE BAN ON ALL AID RELATED PERSONNEL AND PROJECTS, AND PLAN DEFER DEFINITIVE PROGRAM ACTIONS IN CASES WHERE VEHICLE IMPORTS ARE AT ISSUE UNTIL SITUATION IS CLARIFIED. NEWSOM RUSH

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